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## Commissioner for Patents

The amendments filed on August 9, 2004 and February 15, 2005 remain non-compliant. When reviewed against the amendment filed on January 23, 2004, there are numerous additional changes that have been made to the claims, but without including the proper markings to indicate that language has been added/deleted to the claims. For example in claim 1, filed on January 23, 2004, line 2 states "a hollow elongated member, said hollow elongated member", whereas claim 1, filed on both August 9, 2004 and February 15, 2005, lines 2-3 state "a one-piece hollow elongated member, said one-piece hollow elongated member" without including the proper markings to indicated that language was added to the claim.

Furthermore, the status identifiers must be revised in order to correctly state whether a claim is "(Currently amended)", "(Original)", etc.

The period for reply continues to run from the mailing date of the prior Notice of Non-Compliant amendment. The corrections must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of the application. No new time period for reply is provided in this communication. See the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP) 714.03.

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